(b) and (c) Changes in prices of these medicines will be compared to the previous months prices from selected places in the country.

Increasing the production of petroleum and natural gas

2292. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the indigenous production of petroleum and natural gas has increased during the last ten years;

(b) what further increase is expected in the said production during the next five years; and

(c) how do the prices of indigenously produced petroleum and its products compare with those in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Information is as follows.

Year	Production of crude oil (Million tonnes)	Production of natural gas (Billion cubic meters)
1976-77 .	8.9	2.4 Actual
1986-87 .	30.5	9.9 Actual
1987-88 .	30.46	11.6 Planned
1988-89 .	32.11	14.5 Expected
1990 91 .	34.15	14.9 Expected
1991-92 .	37.50	20.8 Expected

(c) Market (Spot) prices of some selected crudes and Estimated Indian crude prices are as follows:—

	US$ Barrel (August, 1987)
International Crude	
1 Nigeria (Bonny Light) .	19.31
2 Algeria (Sahara Blend). .	19.13
3 U.A.E. (Murban) . .	17.90
4 Iran (Iranian Light) . .	17.70
5 India	18.70

Consumer|retail prices of petroleum products in selected developing and developed countries during January|February, 1987 may be seen in the statement attached. (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 101)

Complaint against Prabhat Gas Service

2293. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any written or oral complaints have been made to the Indian Oil Corporation, New Delhi for poor consumer services and unethical practices indulged in by Messrs. Prabhat Gas Service, Janakpuri, New Delhi;

(b) whether the Indian Oil Corporation authorities have not taken any action against this dealer; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Some complaints regarding delayed refill supply and poor customer service have been received;

(b) and (c) The complaints received were investigated, and wherever necessary appropriate action has been taken in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Strike by petrol and diesel dealers

2294. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dealers of petrol and diesel had gone on a strike in some parts of the country asking for a raise in the percentage of commission; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the percentage of commission on petrol, diesel and other products they are asking for; and what percentage Government is allowing them at present; and

(c) whether they have submitted any memorandum regarding their demands; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Oil companies do not have any reports of their dealers of petrol and diesel having gone on strike for an increase in the percentage of commission.

(b) and (c) In the representations they have asked for upward revision in the present rates of commission on petrol and diesel.

The percentage of dealer's commission on petrol and diesel in relation to the Ex-storage prices of these products allowed now is as under:—

Slab for Sales (Volume in KL/ annum)	Commission as per centage on ex-storage price (ex-Bombay)	
	Petrol	Diesel
0-360 . . .	2.23	2.70
361-600 . . .	1.70	2.02
601-1080 . .	1.46	1.44
above 1080 . .	1.17	1.25

The dealer's commission on sale of lubricants and greases within the free delivery zone is Rs. 1200/KL and Rs. 1500/ MT respectively. It is not possible to work out commission as percentage to price in the case of lubricating oil and greases as there are various grades whose prices vary significantly.

Hydrocarbon deposits found in Saurashtra

2295. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lately some hydrocarbon deposits in the form of petroleum or natural gas have been found in Saurashtra area of Gujarat; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that preliminary indications of hydrocarbo deposits have been found around Jamnagar and Rajkot in Saurashtra; and

(c) whether Government have undertaken any detailed survey for exploration in this area; if so, what are the details thereof; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The details are as follows:

Geological mapping	23276 Sq. km.
Seismic survey	981 SLK + 733 LK
Gravity-Magnetic	10220 stations.
Wells drilled	1 parametric well.

Details of orders awarded by ONGC

2296. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 124 and Unstarred Questions 866, 879 and 926 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state the names of various orders worth Rs. 1 crore or above given by the ONGC during the Sixth and current Five Year Plan periods along with of the awardee, value and nature of order, name of the liaison agent/middlemen involved and the payments received by them as commission or otherwise and also the foreign exchange content of each order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.